

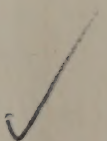
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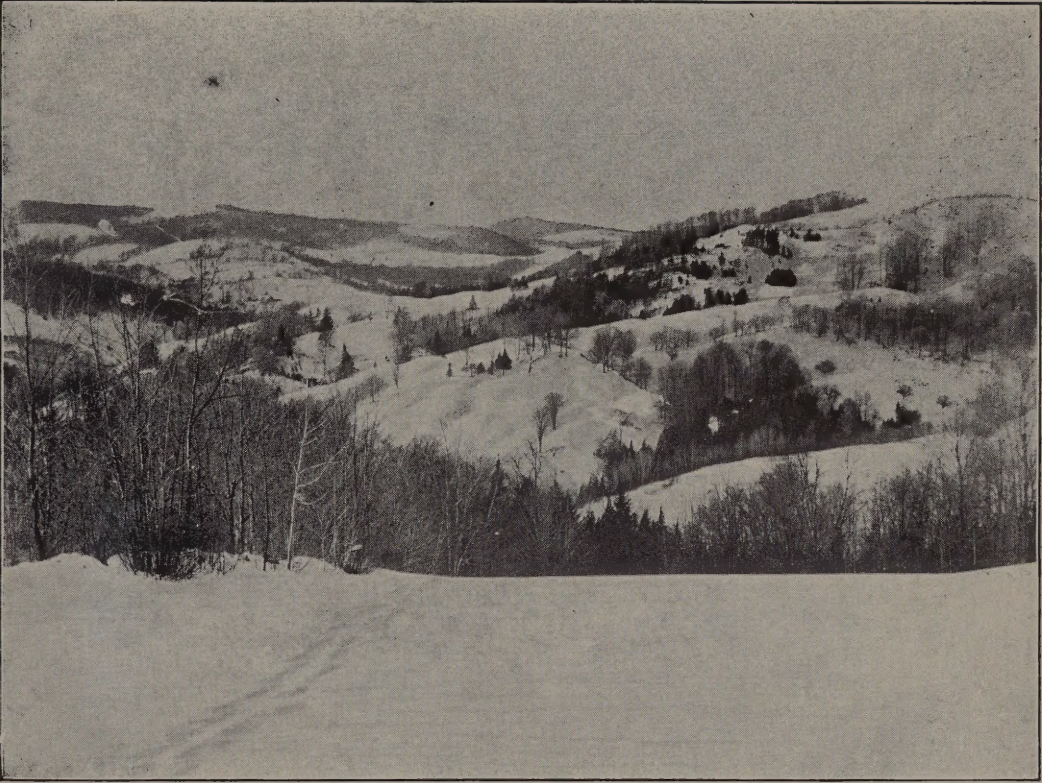
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ANNUAL REPORT
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TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
TOPSHAM
VERMONT



FOR THE YEAR ENDING
JANUARY THIRTY-FIRST

1936

Green Mountain Press



Bradford, Vermont

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator: Harold H. White.

First Selectman: Kenneth Batten. Term exp. 1936.

Second Selectman: W. E. Frost. Term exp. 1937.

Third Selectman: Duncan McKay. Term exp. 1938.

Road Commissioner: Merrill Welch.

Lister: C. H. Hight. Term expires 1936.

Lister: James A. White. Term expires 1937.

Lister: E. B. Andross. Term expires 1938.

Auditor: Lloyd L. Hight. Term expires 1936.

Auditor: Julian A. Dimock. Term expires 1937.

Auditor: Frank Irving Foster. Died November, '35

Collector: C. E. Dickerman.

Town Clerk and Treasurer: E. S. Locke.

Overseer: Robert B. Hodge.

Health Officer: Dr. J. A. Dow.

Superintendent of Schools: Lyman W. Bole.

Grand Juror: C. E. Dickerman.

Town Agent to Prosecute Suits: E. S. Locke.

Town Counsel: Finn & Monti.

School Director: Waldo E. Hood. Term exp. 1936.

School Director: Lettie O'Meara. Term exp. 1937.

School Director: Mary Andross. Term exp. 1938.

**Terms of all officers for one year unless
otherwise stated.**

Town Grand List \$4,778.67	1931	Tax Rate \$3.75
Town Grand List \$4,505.63	1932	Tax Rate \$3.55
Town Grand List \$4,383.10	1933	Tax Rate \$3.45
Town Grand List \$4,293.56	1934	Tax Rate \$3.55
Town Grand List \$4,280.70	1935	Tax Rate \$3.85

AUDITORS' COMMENTS

In this nineteen thirty-six report Topsham makes the best showing for any year within the knowledge of the writer. Credit for this highly gratifying result is due to the team work of your officers. They deserve the thanks of every citizen.

High Lights of the Year

A. The bond issue, which puts the financing of affairs in easily handled shape.

B. The balance of over \$3,400.00 profit for the year, thus making a decided reduction in the debt.

C. The general spirit of co-operation among the officers running the Town business, for continued watchfulness is needed to stop leaks and get the best returns for the money spent.

D. The several favorable items which have already appeared in the public press concerning the way Topsham is pulling ahead.

E. The praise of State officials, who have been watching our efforts.

While it is possible to make a generous cut in our tax rate over that levied last year, it would be a mistake to lower it too much. Those in closest touch with our Town affairs recommend, as the lowest to be considered, the following: Roads 15c, Schools \$1.20, General Fund \$2.00, making a total of \$3.35 on the Grand List. For it must be remembered that if we run behind, Section 3486 of the State laws directs the Selectmen to add an additional tax which will make up the deficit.

During the year we have lost several of our valued citizens, who deserve memorial comment. On this page the surviving auditors pay tribute only to one, whose work appears in the following report.

IN MEMORIAM

The death of Auditor Frank Irving Foster was a loss to every one in the town, and especially to those of us who were closely associated with him. His life set us an inspiring example. No adverse circumstance was able to quench his valorous attitude. In his passing the town is deprived of an official whose brave and cheerful spirit was of value to each one of us.

THE YEAR'S BUSINESS

Total Receipts

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1935 (see page 8)	\$ 11.96
Receipts from loans (see page 8)	2,150.00
Sale of bonds (see page 8)	25,000.00
From the State (see page 8)	9,127.36
Taxes and Licenses (see page 8)	15,983.37
Tuition (see page 8)	204.00
Miscellaneous (see pages 8 and 9)	1,105.64
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	\$53,582.33

Total Payments

Loans paid off (see page 9)	\$24,850.00
Bonds redeemed (see page 9)	1,500.00
Interest (see page 11)	2,274.06
Selectmen's orders, other than loans and interest (see page 11)	6,419.76
School Directors' orders (see page 14)	7,776.79
Overseer's orders (see page 13)	2,849.43
Road Commissioner's orders (see page 12)	3,221.24
K. A. Batten's orders, road work (see page 12)	1,609.19
Cash on hand (see page 9)	3,081.86
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	\$53,582.33

NET LIABILITY OF THE TOWN FOR TEN YEARS

For the Year Ending	Loss	Gain
January 31st, 1927—\$38,029.52		\$ 984.25
January 31st, 1928—\$39,838.48	\$1,808.96	
January 31st, 1929—\$38,905.81		932.67
January 31st, 1930—\$39,936.50	1,030.69	
January 31st, 1931—\$39,106.19		830.31
January 31st, 1932—\$38,683.93		422.26
January 31st, 1933—\$38,788.73	104.80	
January 31st, 1934—\$36,941.47		1,847.26
January 31st, 1935—\$38,797.35	1,855.88	
January 31st, 1936—\$35,377.62		3,419.73

**OPERATING COSTS PAID BY TOWN FOR THE
LAST THREE YEARS**

	1934	1935	1936
School costs paid by town	\$5,788.86	\$5,211.53	\$5,350.87
Poor Aid paid by town	1,347.03	2,619.90	2,459.48
Town Highway	801.64	429.35	419.31
Powder Spring Road		647.42	
Tarvia on 25A	306.48	419.55	
Winter Work	1,104.38	1,915.04	719.74
Bridge Work	64.67	1,254.29	1,281.75
Road Machine	257.00		
Tractor depreciation		1,000.00	500.00
Tractor operating costs	245.13	528.74	305.59
Taxes paid by town	1,986.99	1,258.28	2,025.22
Legal services	47.00	306.90	365.50
Interest	2,092.69	2,018.24	1,763.45
Miscellaneous	829.10	1,330.56	1,471.96
	\$14,870.97	\$18,939.80	\$16,662.87

ASSETS OF THE TOWN

February 1st, 1936.

Cash on hand		\$ 3,081.86
Tractor and Plow (depreciated \$1,500.00)		1,760.00
George Moulton mortgage note		200.00
Uncollected Taxes:		
1929	\$ 80.80	
1930	60.50	
1931	282.75	
1932	277.86	
1933	314.63	
1934	1,435.80	
Flood and Poll	193.08	
1935	3,873.88	
Old Age, Flood and Poll	647.22	7,166.52

\$12,208.38

Net Liability of the Town

\$35,377.62

\$47,586.00

LIST OF TOWN PROPERTY

School Houses, listed at		\$5,575.00
Town Hall		500.00
Real Estate owned by Town		1,110.00
Derrick	1 Chain	
Cement Mixer	6 Pick Axes	
Gas Engine	6 Bog Hoes	
2 Wheelbarrows	8 Drills	
Road Grader	1 Bar Drill Steel	
2 Snow Plows	3 Hammers	
2 Tractors	3 Snow Rollers	
2 Stone Boats	1 Stone Lifter	
18 Shovels	3 Safes	
1 Dirt Scraper	3,000 Feet Snow Fence	
3 Crow Bars		

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN
JANUARY 31st, 1936

BONDS	\$23,500.00
Interest Bearing Orders:	
Bessie Cunningham	500.00
Betsey A. Currier	600.00
Harry G. Currier, Trustee Un. Pres. Church	600.00
John H. and Flora Felch	2,375.00
Elwyn Farnham	1,631.00
R. B. Hood	4,000.00
Gladys L. Hood	1,700.00
Nellie L. Miles	3,100.00
Estate of W. H. Morrison	3,575.00
McKay Bros.	50.00
Josephine Smith	3,000.00
Lizzie B. White	1,400.00
Leslie Frost	200.00
Renwick Frost	250.00
W. E. Frost	705.00
John Felch	400.00
	<hr/> \$47,586.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Feb.	1.	1935, Cash on hand	\$ 11.96
Feb.	1.	Cash from Mrs. Goodwin, music book	.96
Mar.	11.	C. W. Moses, for wife's funeral exp.	55.87
	21.	Cash for boiler, East Topsham Crmy	75.00
Apr.	2.	Rent for West Topsham Hall	2.50
	18.	Sale of Bonds	25,000.00
	18.	Premium on Bonds	275.00
	18.	Accrued interest on Bonds	50.00
May	1.	Rent of Waits River Hall, Grange	15.75
	16.	L. P. Hight, beer license	24.50
	18.	Thomas Conlin, beer license	24.50
June	8.	Error in William Tillotson order	.30
	13.	Rent of West Topsham Hall	5.00
	13.	Rebate, Bd. Nat'l Bank on int. orders	185.61
July	12.	Town of Corinth, tuition	204.00
	23.	G. A. Richardson, lot in cemetery	10.00
Sept.	30.	R. B. Hood, use of tractor	43.00
Oct.	5.	Anson Parker, tar	.90
	17.	Writ in Gilbert Smith case	1.00
Nov.	4.	Rent of West Topsham Hall	2.50
Dec.	3.	Barre Town, for care of Josephine and Esther Berno	112.75
	3.	W. E. Frost, lumber	192.06
1936.			
Jan.	7.	Shell Eastern Pet. Co., tax 1935	7.39
	7.	Rent of Waits River Hall	8.00
	7.	Rent of Topsham Hall	1.25
	7.	Rebate of freight on tarvia	2.99
	7.	Rent of West Topsham Hall	5.00
	28.	Rent of Waits River Hall, Grange	18.00
	28.	Bowen-Hunter Co., in Herb. Paul case	20.00
	28.	Mary Linquist Estate	1.33
	28.	Topsham Grange for windows in hall	13.48
	28.	Abated taxes of 1923-24-25-26	33.16
		Received from dog licenses	249.00
		Received from borrowed money	2,150.00
		Received from State Rebates:	
		Supt. salary rebate	\$ 98.03
		Winter Roads	511.21
		Income tax and state aid	1,603.63
		Resurfacing	552.03

School rebate	2,666.78	
Town Highways	3,437.00	
State Aid school repairs	147.68	
Selected Highways	111.00	9,127.36
Taxes (through Constable):		
1928	.94	
1929	31.80	
1930	66.94	
1931	120.77	
1932	204.90	
1933	554.00	
1934	2,061.12	
1935	1,410.16	
Through Treasurer (land)	9,864.38	
Flood, Poll and Old Age	1,337.20	15,652.21

\$53,582.33

Payments

Loans repaid:	
Bonds redeemed	\$ 1,500.00
Bradford National Bank	16,500.00
Interest bearing orders	8,350.00
Interest (Selectmen's orders)	2,274.06
Selectmen's orders (ex. of int. and bor. money)	6,419.76
School Directors' orders	7,776.79
Overseer's orders	2,849.43
Road Commissioner's orders, Town Highway	408.69
Road Commissioner's orders, Back Roads	1,984.74
Road Commissioner's orders, resurfacing	827.81
K. A. Batten's orders, resurfacing	1,609.19
Cash on hand	3,081.86

\$53,582.33

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE, FEB. 8, 1936

To the Citizens of the Town of Topsham, Vt.:

We, your auditors, have examined and passed upon the accounts of the several Town Officers each month, and have this day gone over the accounts of your Treasurer, as here presented, and believe them to be accurate.

LLOYD L. HIGHT,

JULIAN A. DIMOCK,

Auditors.

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS

1934-1935.

E. S. Locke, Treasurer and Clerk	\$75.00	
Robert B. Hodge, Overseer of the Poor	35.00	
W. E. Frost, Selectman	10.00	
J. C. Lang, Selectman	10.00	
K. A. Batten, Selectman	10.00	
Llyod L. Hight, Auditor	10.00	
Julian A Dimock, Auditor	10.00	

1935-1936.

	<hr/>	\$160.00
E. S. Locke, Treasurer and Clerk	75.00	
Robert B. Hodge, Overseer	35.00	
W. E. Frost, Selectman	10.00	
K. A. Batten, Selectman	10.00	
D. G. McKay, Selectman	10.00	
Lloyd L Hight, Auditor	15.00	
Estate F. I. Foster, Auditor	10.00	
Julian A. Dimock, Auditor	10.00	
C. E. Dickerman, exp. as Grand Juror	14.50	\$189.50

\$349.50

DOG ACCOUNT

Dogs Licensed in 1935

May 10.	108 Dogs @ \$2.00	\$216.00
	7 Dogs @ \$3.00	21.00
	5 Dogs @ \$6.00	30.00
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		\$267.00
	Less Clerk's fees	18.00
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	TOTAL	\$249.00

SUMMARY SELECTMEN'S REPORTS

For What Orders Were Drawn

Kenneth A. Batten, First Selectman:		
Borrowed money	\$1,500.00	
Town Expenses	6,096.02	\$7,596.02
W. E. Frost, Second Selectman:		
Town Expenses		1,579.43
D. G. McKay, Third Selectman:		
Borrowed money	650.00	
Town Expenses	1,018.37	1,668.37
		\$10,843.82
Borrowed money		2,150.00
Total Expenses		\$ 8,693.82

How the Money Was Spent

Winter Work		\$ 719.74
Interest		2,274.06
Bridge Work		1,281.75
Repairs, oil, gas, etc.		305.59
Services of Town Officers 1934-35		160.00
Services of Town Officers, including Grand Juror 1935-36		189.50
Printing Report, Auditor sheets, etc.		155.37
Listing and collecting taxes		290.56
Legal services		365.50
Bonding Officers		68.00
Insurance		93.49
Cemetery care		45.62
Back Road Work		60.50
Purchase of creamery		250.00
Repairs Town Hall		105.40
Miscellaneous		193.89
Old Age Assistance		109.63
Taxes paid by Town:		
State Highway	\$451.04	
Flood	513.00	
County Tax	85.87	
Old Age	304.00	
Farm Bureau	113.18	
Advertising	1.89	
Abated	556.24	2,025.22
		\$8,693.82

ROAD WORK

Where the Money Came From

Town taxes (10c on the grand list)	\$ 428.00
Rebates from State	4,100.03

\$4,528.03

How the Money Was Spent

Town Highway, by Road Commissioner	\$ 408.69
Resurfacing, by Road Commissioner	827.81
Back Roads, by Road Commissioner	1,984.74
Back Roads, by Selectmen	60.50
Bridges on Back Roads, by Selectmen	1,281.75

\$4,563.49

Overdrawn \$35.46.

POWDER SPRING ROAD WORK

Where the Money Came From

Rebates from the State:	
5% Highway Tax	\$ 937.63
Permanent Construction	666.00

\$1,603.63

How the Money Was Spent

On Powder Spring Road	\$1,609.19
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Overdrawn \$5.56.

NOTE: Contrary to the instructions given by the Town vote, neither the bills nor the orders for this work on the Powder Spring Road were submitted to the Auditors at the monthly meetings. It was only upon examination of the Treasurer's accounts that it was discovered that the work had been done, therefore this account has not been audited.

SUMMARY OF OVERSEER'S REPORT

Where the Money Came From

General Fund (Town taxes)	\$2,459.48
C. W. Moses for funeral expenses of Mrs. Moses	55.87
Town of Barre, for care of Bernos	112.75
Herbert Paul account	20.00
Mary Linquist Estate	1.33
George Moulton mortgage note	200.00
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	\$2,849.43

How the Money Was Spent

Board and food	\$1,571.00
Medical care	424.40
Burials	385.00
Supplies	130.82
Fuel	16.00
Rent	60.00
Clothing	63.79
Care of tramps	31.25
Miscellaneous	167.07
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	\$2,849.43

Attention is called to the act of Mr. C. A. Moses during the past two years. He has supplied the Four Corners school house with wood to the value of \$125.00, thus paying off the funeral expenses which the Town assumed for the burial of his wife.

SUMMARY SCHOOL REPORT

Where the Money Came From

Town taxes (\$1.25 on the grand list)	\$5,350.87
Lease land tax	67.54
Town of Corinth, tuition	204.00
Rebate from State:	
Schools	\$2,666.78
Superintendent's salary	98.03
School repairs	147.68
	<hr/> 2,912.49
	\$8,534.90

How the Money Was Spent

Teachers' salaries	\$2,948.00
Advanced Instruction	1,416.25
Elementary Instruction	1,247.16
Superintendent and clerical	353.04
Transportation	470.96
Janitor service and cleaning	109.64
Fuel	261.78
Lights	56.90
Supplies and books	241.46
Repairs	545.65
Insurance	94.95
School census	11.16
Miscellaneous	19.84
	<hr/> \$7,776.79
Unexpended Balance	758.11

\$8,534.90

The change in school laws, passed by the last legislature, requires a report covering the past five years, made up from data which is not available to either the school directors or auditors. Our records, while complete for the town fiscal years, cannot be separated into other fiscal periods, over past years. The directors have filed with the Department of Education, each year, full reports, and in the archives of that department should be such records as they now desire.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Directors and Citizens
of the Town of Topsham:

I herewith present my ninth annual report of the schools of your town.

Changes in the Educational Laws

As a result of the recommendations of the Special Educational Commission, to which I referred in my last annual report, a number of important changes were made in the educational laws of the state by the last legislature. From the standpoint of the towns the most important of these changes included a change of the beginning of the fiscal year from February 1st to July 1st, an increase in the length of the school year from 34 weeks to 35 weeks, a minimum schedule of teachers' salaries, redistricting of the towns in supervisory districts, and an entirely new plan for the distribution of state aid.

The change of the fiscal year from February 1st to July 1st has made it necessary to change the form of the school directors' reports and budgetary practices. Under this new set-up the school directors are required to show the cost of the last full school year ending the previous July 1st, the amount spent from the previous July to February 1st when the town reports are made up, an estimate of the amount necessary to run the schools until the following June, and a budget showing what will be needed the next full school year beginning July 1st. The amount voted for the next school year is not supposed to be used for any expense incurred previous to next July 1st under this new plan. For this current year, therefore, while the change is being made from one fiscal year to the other there will be a gap of six months from February 1st, 1936, to July 1st, 1936, which should be covered by a special appropriation.

Under the new plan of distributing state aid the

amount to be received by any town is determined by two factors: First, the educational burden of the town as determined by the number of pupils and size of the schools, and second, the ability to support education as indicated by the size of the grand list. Reference to Table I. at the end of this report will show that this plan is of great advantage to our rural towns since the amount of state aid received this year is \$3,795.83 greater for the towns of this district than the amount received last year under the old plan. The increase for the Town of Topsham was over \$1,000.00.

Orange East District

As a result of the redistricting of the towns of the state, the Town of Thetford, with eight schools, has been added to this district in place of the Town of Orange, with six schools, which was transferred to the Caledonia-Orange District. There are now forty-five and a half full time teaching positions divided as follows among the seven towns and one incorporated school district which comprise the union: Bradford Academy and Graded School District, 14 4-10; Corinth Academy and Cookeville Graded School, 1; Corinth, 7; Fairlee, 3 1-10; Thetford, 8; Topsham, 5; Vershire, 3; West Fairlee, 4.

The total number of pupils enrolled in the schools of the district in September was approximately 975.

Accounting

In my discussion of the new law relative to the fiscal year, reference was made to the necessity for covering the remainder of the current year with a special appropriation. It seems unnecessary to me, however, to vote the entire amount needed to cover this six months period in those towns where the school board already has an unused balance to its credit. During four of the past five years the Topsham School Board has had such a favorable balance, although it has not been shown in your town reports except for 1935. A rough estimate indicates that something over \$2,000 of money which should have been credited to the school board since 1931 has not been spent. Of course, the objection is made that such favorable balances have never represented actual money because taxes were uncollected,

but the fact remains that the law requires that all money voted for the use of the schools to be placed to the credit of the school board and no one has authority to transfer such credits to any other department of the town. I believe the present surplus in favor of the schools should be computed and applied against the expenses for the rest of the school year, leaving a comparatively small sum to be voted in new taxes to make the change to the new fiscal year.

Topsham Schools

Repairs and improvements made at the Waits River school last year included new front steps and porch, painting of the building on the outside and finishing off of the library room. When the painting and repairing of the fence is made in the spring and a few small items have been supplied this school should be ready for its standard plate.

The new entrance and inside stairways, together with changes in the circulating system have greatly improved the school at Topsham. The heating plant is giving much more satisfactory service than heretofore. The toilet facilities at the Topsham school are very bad and should be replaced with inside toilets as soon as possible.

The congested conditions due to large enrollments at Waits River and Topsham schools last year have been somewhat relieved. A check-up of the enrollments the first of December showed 25 pupils in each of these schools.

The average percent of attendance for all the schools of Topsham for 1934-1935 was 93.8, approximately the same as the year before. Reference to Table II. at the end of this report will show that this total average is not representative of all of the schools since the attendance was very high at West Topsham with 98%, and very low at Waits River and Topsham village. These low figures are partly due to epidemics of disease and partly due to absences which could have been avoided. There is no legal right for parents to keep children at home unless they are sick or in quarantine, and I believe that the school law in this respect should be enforced.

I have visited from six to seven times in each of the Topsham schools since the beginning of the year in September, the average length of time spent in the building having been one hour and forty minutes. In addition Mrs Kelley, the State helping teacher, has made one visit of three hours at West Topsham.

In closing this report I wish to acknowledge the helpful and loyal support which has been so generously accorded me by those with whom I have been associated for the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

LYMAN W. BOLE,

Superintendent of Schools.

January 31st, 1936.

**TABLE I.—COMPARISON OF RECEIPTS FROM
STATE AID FOR LAST TWO YEARS**

	Last Year	This Year	Increase
Bradford	\$2,156.87	\$3,339.55	\$1,182.68
Cookeville	243.08	*****	
Corinth	2,308.47	3,144.99	836.52
Fairlee	116.35	*****	
Thetford	2,362.32	3,301.28	938.96
Topsham	1,661.78	2,666.78	1,005.00
Vershire	1,220.72	1,356.15	135.43
West Fairlee	1,299.96	356.63	56.67

*No state aid this year because of having spent less than 75c on a dollar of the grand list last year.

**TABLE II.—AVERAGE PERCENT OF
ATTENDANCE**

School	1934-1935
West Topsham, Upper	98.7
West Topsham, Lower	98.1
Waits River	88.
Four Corners	94.
East Topsham	90.

Average for the Town 93.8.

**BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF
TOPSHAM IN 1935**

- Jan. 2. Dorothy Mae Coates to Charles and Vivian Coates.
- Jan. 6. Kenneth Charles Johnson to Bert E. and Ruth M. Johnson.
- Jan. 29. Kenneth Arthur Morrison to Dan J. and Lena Leonard Morrison.
- Feb. 15. Robert James Weeks to Sidney H. and Dora E. Weeks.
- Mar. 22. Earl F. Long to Earl F. Long and Saphronia Emerson Long.
- June 22. Edgar Albert Downing to Albert and Emma Downing.
- July 24. Gertrude H. Dexter to Benjamin and Rena Dexter.
- Aug. 19. William C. Phelps to Ernest and Hattie Phelps.
- Aug. 23. Laura A. Avery to Leslie and Orpha H. Avery.
- Sept. 3. Shirley E. Currier to Hosea and Linnie Merritt.
- Sept. 20. Donald J. Miller to Donald J. and Elizabeth Miller.
- Oct. 1. Irma K. Schover to Urban G. and Emma M. Schover.
- Oct. 20. Henry Montandon to Henry and Ada L. Montandon.
- Oct. 30. Kenneth E. Dexter to Floyd E. and Bessie A. Dexter.
- Nov. 3. Dennis S. Knapp to Scott and Hertha Knapp.
- Nov. 27. Mary D. Chaples to Harley and Marion F. Chaples.
- Nov. 30. Jerry E. Emerson to Jimmie and Susie A. Emerson.
- Dec. 5. Delmar D. Hight to Delmar and Winnifred D. Hight.
- Dec. 13. Robert E. Limlaw to Harold and Gertrude L. Limlaw.
- Dec. 30. Philip E. Dodge to Charles and Ellen A. Dodge.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM IN 1935

- May 7. Henry Montandon of Topsham, and Ada Pray of Corinth.
- June 12. Harley E. Smith of Topsham, and Angie M. Gilman of Topsham.
- June 20. Raymond S. Locke of Topsham, and Ruth E. Kingsbury of Moretown.
- June 21. Charles M. Young of Topsham, and Evelyn E. Cilley of Topsham.
- Oct. 26. Harley F. Chaples of Topsham, and Marion F. Donald of Topsham.
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DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF TOPSHAM IN 1935

- Jan. 22. Flora Felch—74 years, 10 months, 11 days.
- Feb. 19. Viola Jennis Johnson—3 yrs, 2 mths, 12 dys.
- Feb. 20. Verna Electie Johnson—4 yrs, 10 mths, 28 d
- Feb. 23. Mary A. Lindquist—89 yrs, 8mths, 15 days.
- Apr. 9. Edward Charles Poole—80 yrs, 5 mths, 8 dys.
- May 23. William H. Morrison—66 years, 7 days.
- June 12. Flora Alice Poole—77 yrs, 1 month, 20 days.
- June 20. Carrie B. Bagley—80 yrs, 11 mths, 15 days.
- Aug. 23. Myrtle E. Smith—35 years, 1 day.
- Sept 25. James Clarence Lang—67 yrs, 11 mths, 3 dys.
- Nov. 9. Charlie E. Hood—67 years, 7 mths, 23 days.
- Nov. 18. Frank Irving Foster—45 yrs, 2 mths, 22 dys.

TOWN MEETING WARNING

The legal voters of the Town of Topsham, Vermont, are hereby notified and warned to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 3rd, A.D. 1936, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles viz.:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. Shall an Act of a special session of the General Assembly held in December, 1935, entitled "An Act for the establishment of a national park known as the Green Mountain Parkway, limiting the lands held therefore, prescribing the jurisdiction to be retained by the State, making an appropriation in connection therewith and providing for a bond issue," become a law April 1, 1936?

Article 4. To choose one Selectman for three years.

Article 5. To choose one Lister for three years.

Article 6. To choose a Town Treasurer.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint one or two Road Commissioners for one or two years.

Article 8. To choose an Overseer of the Poor.

Article 9. To see what money the Town will vote to raise to pay the expenses and indebtedness, and for the highways and bridges.

Article 10. Will the Town vote to collect its taxes on real and personal property in installments as provided by No. 21 of the Acts of 1933?

Article 11. To choose a Constable and Collector of Taxes.

Article 12. To choose one Auditor for two years.

Article 13. To choose one Auditor for three years.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money in addition to the amount now required by law to take advantage of Section Act 111 of 1906, and if so, how much.

Article 15. Shall license for the sale of malt and vinous beverages be granted in this Town?

Article 16. Shall spirituous liquors be sold in this Town?

Article 17. To transact any other business when meet.

K. A. BATTEN,
W. E. FROST,
D. G. McKAY,
Selectmen of Topsham.

NOTICE!

On the adjournment of the above meeting the legal voters of the Topsham Town School District will meet at the Town Hall in said Town, to transact the following business:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator.

Article 2. To choose a School Director for three years.

Article 3. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for the support of its schools.

Article 4. To transact any other business when meet.

K. A. BATTEN,
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Selectmen of Topsham.

Dated at Topsham, Vt., Feb. 13, 1936.

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